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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached Response to Election Requirement, three (3) pages; Request for Extension of Time; check for fee; and a postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on 23 November 2004.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed 9 September 2004, in the above identified case. A shortened statutory period for response has been set for 1 month, up to and including 9 October 2004. A petition for a two-month extension of time, to and including 9 December 2004, with appropriate fees, is included herewith.

Claims 1 through 16 were presented for examination. Said claims now stand subject to restriction.

In response thereto, Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, sets forth the following remarks.

The Requirement for Restriction

Restriction has been required to one of the following patentably distinct species of the invention:

Species a. Figures 1-4;

Species b. Figures 5-6; and

Species c. Figures 7-10; and

Species d. Figures 11-13

The Election

For purposes of immediate examination, Applicant hereby elects the following invention:

Species c, Figures 7-10.

Claims 1-7, 9-14, 16 are readable on the elected species.

This election is made without right of traverse and without prejudice to the subsequent filing of a continuing or divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

Should there be any questions or remaining issues regarding the foregoing, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully requested,

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